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1. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES VISITED KWEME INVESTMENT AND PROPERTY (NIGERIA) LIMITED, AN OFFICE BUILDING LOCATED AT SURULERE RESIDENTIAL AREA ON LAGOS MAINLAND.
 2. CHIEF A.O. JAMES, CHAIRMAN/MANAGING DIRECTOR, WAS NOT AVAILABLE.
 3. THE ACCOUNTANT, MR. AYO AMOLE, ACCEPTED OUR FINANCIAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE AND STATED THAT IT WOULD BE RETURNED TO EMBASSY BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS.
 4. FULL REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED ON FIRM AS SOON AS INFORMATION IS OBTAINED.
 5. EMBASSY RECORDS (2/23/77) INDICATE THAT CHIEF A.O. JAMES IS THE CHAIRMAN/MANAGING DIRECTOR OF C.A. J. INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES LIMITED, PUREWAY CORPORAION
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OF NIGERIA LIMITED, AND BADAGRY HOTELS.

6. C.A. J. INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES LIMITED OPERATES AS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, HAS FASHION HOUSES AND ALSO IS KNOWN TO BE INDUSTRIALIST. FIRM IMPORTS WEARING APPAREL FROM FRANCE, ITALY, AND US AND SELLS IN NIGERIA. CLAIMED WORKING CAPITAL OF C. A. J.

INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES LTD. IS \$640000.

7. WTDR IS AVAILABLE, SEE LAGOS 2188 AND 3212.

8. PUREWAY CORPORATION OF NIGERIA LTD. IS A PRIVATE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OWNED BY CHIEF JAMES (60 PERCENT EQUITY SHARE) AND AN AMERICAN (40 PERCENT EQUITY SHARE). FIRM IS OPERATING AS DISTRIBUTOR AND IMPORTER OF BUILDING MATERIALS, PREFABRICATED BUILDINGS, WATER PURIFICATION EQUIPMENT, FERTILIZERS, MILK AND BIO-FLO SANITARY PRODUCTS. CLAIMED WORKING CAPITAL \$2 MILLION WITH ANNUAL SALES TURNOVER OF \$3.6 MILLION. REPORT IS AVAILABLE ON PUREWAY CORP. OF NIG. LTD., SEE LAGOS 4482. BOTH COMPANIES ARE LOCATED AT SURULERE, LAGOS MAINLAND. PAST EMBASSY WTDR HAVE CHARACTERIZED CHIEF A.O. JAMES AS SUCCESSFUL NIGERIAN BUSINESSMAN AND HAS RECOMMENDED HIS COMPANIES AS SUITABLE TRADE CONTACTS. LEWIS

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